**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – October 12, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by President Cale Reiger in the administrative office on the above date at 7:00 a.m. with everyone present, except Shawna Blanka.

Superintendent Penka had no changes to the agenda. A motion was made by Troy Hilt to approve the agenda as presented; seconded by J. W. Milliken and carried.

Audiences: None

Items on the Consent Calendar were next considered. Following review of these items, Dustin Andrist moved; Chris Hingst seconded, and it carried to approve the consent calendar, including the following items: 1) the minutes of the regular Board meeting on September 14, 2023. 2) The list of bills being paid on direct deposit slips numbering 0919001-0917070 and on checks numbering 12283-12299 on BANKWEST in the amount of $221,518.76 and checks numbering 16904-16941 on First National Bank totaling $97,697.32 for a grand total of $319,216.08. 3) The Cash Summary Report including the Grade School Activity Fund Report, and the High School Activity Fund Report - all as of September 30, 2023. 4) There were no gift offers.

There were no committee reports.

There was no old business.

The board received a summary of the official enrollment on September 20, 2023. Official 2023-2024 FTE enrollment in USD 297 is 300.5, which is an decrease of 2.5 from the 2022-2023 FTE enrollment (303).

The board also received a summary of the KSHSAA Classifications for activities in 2023-2024. St. Francis is a Class 1A Division I school in the KSHSAA Classifications, with an enrollment of 75 students in grades 9, 10, 11, and 12.

Next, Superintendent informed the Board of the results of the 2023 Kansans Can Star Recognition Awards Program. These awards recognize the exceptional work Kansas districts are doing to reach the state’s vision for education – Kansas leads the world in the success of each student. USD 297 was presented with the following recognition for 2023:

Social-Emotional Growth Copper

Kindergarten Readiness Copper

Academically Prepared for Graduation Copper

The board and administration reviewed the Audit Report for FY 2023 (and the accompanying management letter and governance letter) that had been completed by Adams & Brown. Chris Hingst made a motion to approve the Audit Report for FY23, seconded by J. W. Milliken and carried.

Next, Superintendent Penka reported that we have three contract amendments to approve for additional college hours. Dustin Andrist moved to approve the contract amendments; motion was seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

Superintendent Penka reported that a letter of resignation was received from Killy Hilt effective immediately for her position as the Cheer and Dance Teams Coach. J. W. Milliken made a motion to accept the resignation; seconded by Danielle McAtee and carried.

Next, Superintendent Penka recommended hiring Doris Clinkenpeel as the high school Cheer and Dance Teams coach. Danielle McAtee made a motion to approve the new hire; seconded by Troy Hilt and carried.

Next, Principal Morrow discussed with the Board the new high school attendance policy and if it has been effective. Danielle McAtee made a motion to approve the policy; seconded by Troy Hilt and carried.

After some miscellaneous discussion, at 8:10 a.m., Chris Hingst made a motion to adjourn the meeting; seconded by J. W. Milliken and carried.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, November 9, 2023, at 7:00 a.m.

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